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1. CAMERA B-24 WAS USED ON MISSION G-018 FLOWN ON 15 MARCH 1968. PROCESSING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY NAV. RECON. TECH. SUPPCEN.

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## 2. ORIGINAL NEGATIVE:

A. THE DENSITY IS SLIGHTLY THIN THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. THE PROCESSING FACILITY REPORTED THAT THEY WERE UNAWARE, UNTIL VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE FILM DURING PROCESSING WAS PERFORMED, THAT THIS MISSION EMPLOYED FILM TYPE 3400 IN PLACE OF THE CUSTOMARY 3401. 9R FRAMES 0722 THRU 0838 AND 9L FRAMES 0001 THRU 0185 PLUS 0616 THRU 0924 WERE THEREFORE PROCESSED AT THE NORMAL 3401 SPECIFICATIONS AND AS A RESULT, ARE OF THINNER DENSITY THAN THE REMAINDER OF THE PROPERLY PROCESSED MATERIAL. THE QUALITY OF THE IMAGERY SUFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM UNDER-EXPOSURE AND HAS A SOFT CONDITION POSSIBLY DUE TO HIGH FREQUENCY VIBRATION OR A SLIGHT OUT-OF-FOCUS CONDITION. RESOLUTION VARIES FROM FAIR TO POOR THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. THE RESOLUTION AT THE DATA BLOCK END OF ALL FORMATS IS BETTER THAN THE NON-DATA BLOCK END AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN PREVIOUS MISSIONS.

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B. 9R SIDE: FRAME 1492 CONTAINS A 0.2 INCH EMULSION SCRATCH. A HEAT SPLICE IS PRESENT IN FRAME 722. FRAME 838 CONTAINS BOTH A HEAT SPLICE AND A MYLAR TAPE REPAIRED TEAR.

C. 9L SIDE: FRAMES 277, 278, AND 279 CONTAIN AN INTERMITTENT STREAK OF FOREIGN MATTER ALONG A LINE 2.75 INCHES FROM THE INBOARD EDGE. FRAME 386 ALSO CONTAINS TWO 0.75 INCH LONG STREAKS OF FOREIGN MATTER 1.8 INCHES FROM THE INBOARD EDGE. A HEAT SPLICE AND TEAR REPAIRED WITH MYLAR TAPE ARE PRESENT IN FRAMES 185 AND 924. FRAMES 184 AND 185 CONTAIN HANDLING MARKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEAT SPLICE. OTHER HEAT SPLICES ARE PRESENT BETWEEN FRAMES 711/72, AND 615/616.

D. BOTH SIDES: PLUS DENSITY OVALS ASSOCIATED WITH ROLLER CHATTER ARE PRESENT ALONG THE INBOARD EDGES THROUGHOUT. A FAINT FOGGED AREA IN THE VICINITY OF THE VERTICAL DOT INDICATOR IS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. TITLED FRAME 1490 WHICH CORRESPONDS TO DATA CHAMBER FRAME 1490 CONTAINS NO EXPOSURE. ON THE NEXT FRAME (TITLED 1491) THE DATA CHAMBER ALSO RECORDED 1490 AS THE FRAME NUMBER. THIS ANOMALY IS PRESUMED DUE TO CAMERA SHUTDOWN IN FRAME 1493, WHICH WAS THE LAST TITLED FRAME OF THE MISSION.

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## 3. POSITIVES:

A. PRINTING AND PROCESSING ARE GOOD.

B. P.I. SUITABILITY IS FAIR-TO-POOR DUE TO THE UNDER-EXPOSURE OF THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE AND QUALITY LOSS DUE TO VIBRATION AND/OR A SOFT FOCUS CONDITION.

C. CLOUDS OBSCURE APPROXIMATELY 15 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL MISSION.

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